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1. On 29 October 1951, 80 laborers of the Bauunion Waren were repairing the spur track at Puetnitz airfield. All the other workers had been dismissed during the second half of October and had left for Schwedt/Oder, Stralsund, and Oderberg.
2. The Soviet labor unit at the field numbered 70 to 80 men who graded and sodded the field area. Sowing started in the last week of October. The hangars and buildings at the field were vacant. The former apartments were being converted into barracks buildings.
3. The new runway was 60 meters wide. The western end of the runway terminated in a large concrete apron which extended as far as the hangars. There were no boundary or runway lights or radio installation.

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4. On 11 November, excavation work was nearing completion on the east end of the runway. Five fuel containers, each 8 meters long and 2.5 meters high and recently painted with a black color, were unloaded at the end of the spur track. Another container of the same size was installed underground about 50 meters north of the east end of the runway, at the edge of the woods. Upon completion of clearing up work around the hangars, reconditioning work started on the eastern hangar in which motor vehicles were already parked.

About three fourth of the billets at the field were vacated by the families who had left. Evacuation of the other quarters continued. About 500 soldiers were engaged in unloading railroad cars, excavation work, and construction on garages. new soldiers were expected to arrive at the field during the middle of the next week.

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** [] Comment. These statements are believed to be correct. Construction was apparently completed in early November 1951. The 500 soldiers mentioned

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[] probably belonged to the advance detail of the ground elements of an air unit.

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[] This and the observation made [] indicate that the transfer of the

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fighter regiment from Peenemuende to Puetnitz started on 15 November 1951. According to the observation made [] the headquarters of the fighter division remained in Peenemuende.

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